

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 18-23 are pending and under consideration.

OBVIOUSNESS TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-12, 15-16, 18-19 and 21-23 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,904,230. In view of the enclosed terminal disclaimer, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claims 13-14 and 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

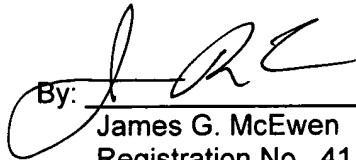
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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